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DeVore et al.)
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For: METHOD OF MAKING A LIGHT)
ENERGIZED TISSUE ADHESIVE)

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Sir:

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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner co-pending application Serial Nos. 09/973,335, 09/973,385, and 09/973,332.

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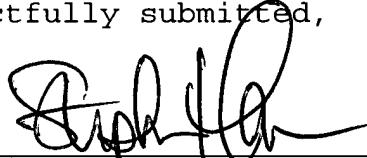
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